By: Goldman H.B. No. 1086

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

- 2 relating to increasing the penalty for unlawful participation in a
- 3 primary election or convention.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
- 5 SECTION 1. Section 162.014(b), Election Code, is amended to
- 6 read as follows:
- 7 (b) An offense under this section is a <u>felony of the second</u>
- 8 degree unless the person is convicted of an attempt. In that case,
- 9 the offense is a state jail felony [Class C misdemeanor].
- 10 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
- 11 to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act.
- 12 An offense committed before the effective date of this Act is
- 13 governed by the law in effect when the offense was committed, and
- 14 the former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For
- 15 purposes of this section, an offense was committed before the
- 16 effective date of this Act if any element of the offense occurred
- 17 before that date.
- 18 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.